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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**ADVANCE NOTIFICATION OF INTENT TO ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS FOR A
SOLE SOURCE AGREEMENT WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, IRVINE,
TO PROVIDE THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT WITH
THE LOS ANGELES RISK ASSESSMENT TOOL**

SUBJECT

This letter provides advance notification to the Board that the Los Angeles County (County) Sheriff's Department (Department) intends to enter into a Sole Source Agreement (Agreement) with the University of California, Irvine, Center for Evidence-Based Corrections (UCI) to configure, modify, calibrate, and validate the Los Angeles Risk Assessment tool (LARA) for the County's inmate population. The cost of this Agreement is estimated not to exceed \$350,000. Funds will be allocated from the Inmate Welfare Fund (IWF).

PURPOSE

The recommended action will allow the Department to implement LARA, which is based on the unique capabilities of UCI's California Static Risk Assessment tool (CSRA). The CSRA was developed by UCI for the State of California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) inmate population. LARA will enhance the Department's Jail Information Classification System (JICS), enabling the Department to identify inmates for community placement. UCI will modify the CSRA solution by adapting its model to: 1) capture County inmate demographics and criminal history; and 2) interface with the United States Department of Justice and the Department's Jail Information Management System (JIMS).

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BACKGROUND

The Department's Inmate Reception Center is tasked with the classification of approximately 500 inmates entering the County jail each day.

The Department's JICS establishes a security level (risk score) for inmate placement within the County's jails. The Population Management Bureau's Community Transition Unit will use an inmate's risk score to determine if the inmate qualifies for community placement. The LARA solution will help the Department relieve crowded jail conditions and mitigate the need for additional County jail beds.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The cost for this Agreement will not exceed \$350,000. This initiative will be funded completely by the IWF.

SOLE SOURCE JUSTIFICATION

The Agreement will be procured on a Sole Source basis. It is in the County's best interest to utilize a risk assessment tool that has been proven to work and will be validated by UCI for CDCR.

The CSRA solution was built by UCI for CDCR over a 24-month period. The proposed project capitalizes on extensive academic research and program coding that would be costly and time consuming to replicate. Using the existing source code for CSRA, and making the necessary modifications to create LARA, would enable the Department to move forward with implementing an automated risk assessment tool.

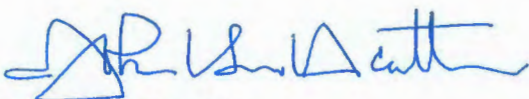
The Chief Information Officer has reviewed the Department's Sole Source justification and concurs with this approach.

CONCLUSION

Pursuant to Board policy, the Department will proceed with Sole Source Agreement negotiations with UCI in two weeks, unless otherwise instructed by the Board.

Should additional information be requested, your staff may contact Contracts Manager Angelo Faiella, Contracts Unit, at (323) 526-5183.

Sincerely,



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